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We claim:

A method of time calibration comprising the steps of:

determining a calibration time using system timing information and embedded satellite timing information; and

transmitting the calibration time and a reference frame identifier, wherein the reference frame identifier specifies a frame boundary derived from the system timing information.

A method of time calibration comprising the steps of:

receiving at a receiver a message having a calibration time and a reference frame identifier, wherein the message is received over one or more frames; and

synchronizing the receiver to satellite timing using the calibration time, the reference frame identifier and a reference point in a frame specified by the reference frame identifier.

